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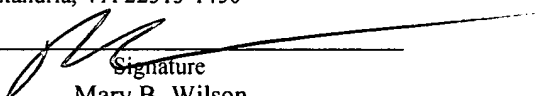
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Type of Statement

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- ☒ An *original* Information Disclosure Statement; or
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Applicant hereby makes of record in the above-identified application the reference(s) listed on the attached form PTO-1449 (modified). The order of presentation of the references should not be construed as an indication of the importance of the references.

Applicant includes copies of references as indicated below:

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☐ Copies of English translations of one or more non-English references are included.

Applicant hereby makes the following additional information of record in the above-identified application:

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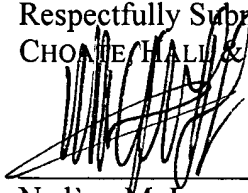
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It is respectfully requested that:

1. The Examiner consider completely the cited information, along with any other information, in reaching a determination concerning the patentability of the present claims;
2. The enclosed form PTO-1449 be signed by the Examiner to evidence that the cited patent(s) and publication(s) has (have) been fully considered by the Patent and Trademark Office during the examination of this application; and
3. The citations for the patent(s) and publication(s) be printed on any patent which issues from this application.

Notwithstanding any statements by Applicants, the Examiner is urged to form his or her own conclusions regarding the relevance of the cited reference(s).

Respectfully Submitted,
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Examiner's Initials	U.S. Patent No.	Applicant	Issue Date	Class	Subclass
1.	6,203,925B1	Attard, et al.	March 20, 2001	428	613
2.	6,395,230B1	Guerin, et al.	May 28, 2002	422	88
3.	6,420,063B1	Ozin, et al.	July 16, 2002	429	40

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4.	WO 00/69009	PCT	November 16, 2000		
5.	WO 04/021481 A1	PCT	March 11, 2004		

OTHER DOCUMENTS

Examiner's Initials	Citation (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)
6.	Attard, et al., "Mesoporous Pt/Ru Alloy from the Hexagonal Lyotropic Liquid Crystalline Phase of a Nonionic Surfactant", Chemistry of Materials (2001) v. 13, pp 1444-1446.
7.	Kucernak, et al., "Mesoporous Platinum as a Catalyst for Oxygen Electro-reduction and Methanol Electro-oxidation", Database Compendex (on line), Engineering Information, Inc., New York, NY 15 May 2003.
EXAMINER	DATE CONSIDERED

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